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PEELER GAP SHOOTING RANGE

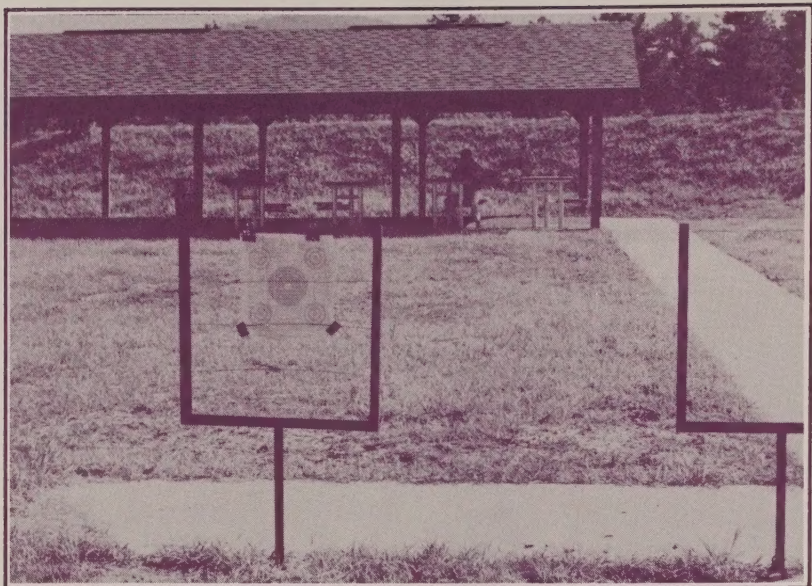
Ouachita National Forest



Fourche Ranger District
Arkansas



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Sighting in a rifle at the shooting range.

A modern shooting range on the Fourche Ranger District became available to the public in 1993. For directions to the range refer to the map in this leaflet. There is no charge for admission. Features of the range include:

- Covered pavilion with 10 shooting lanes:
 - Four lanes with shooting benches and target holders placed at 25, 50, and 100 yards.
 - Two open lanes with target holders at 25, 50, and 100 yards.
 - Two open pistol lanes with target holders at 7, 25, and 50 yards.
 - Two archery lanes with targets at 20 and 40 yards.
- Skeet area with sporting clay target trap.
- Restroom Facility.
- All areas are fully accessible by wheelchair.
- Paper targets and clips will be provided. Clay targets will not be provided.

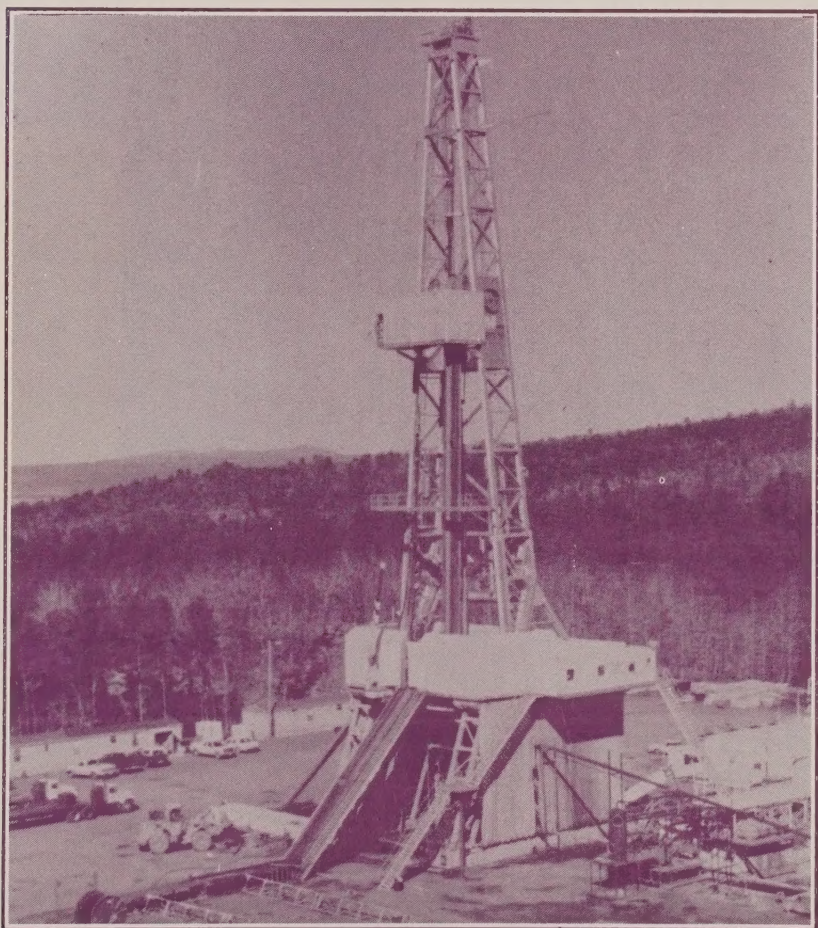
Rules and regulations for the use of the shooting range are posted on the bulletin board at the site.

The shooting range will be open from daylight to dark, 7 days a week, except when closed for law enforcement training or administrative reasons. During these periods, the gate will be locked and the range will be closed to the public. Notice about these closings will be published. Closings will also be posted on the bulletin board at the range. For more information call the Fourche Ranger District office at (501) 495-2844.

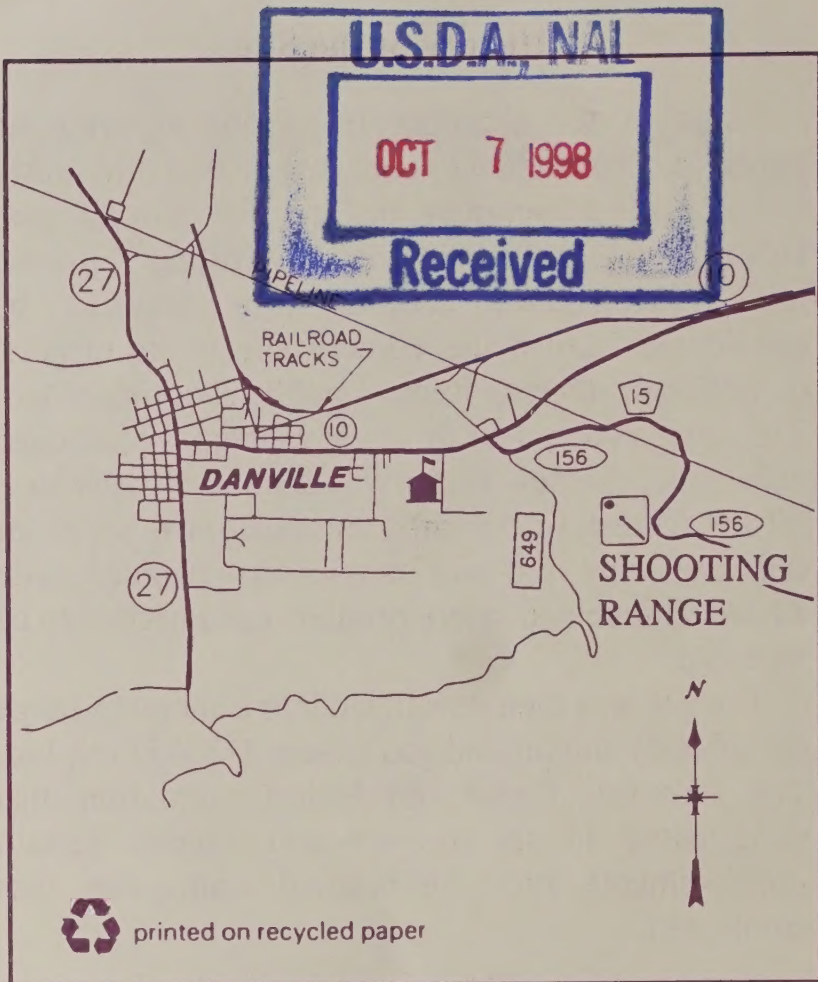
History of the Site

Users of the shooting range are enjoying an unforeseen recreation opportunity. It was previously the site of exploratory drilling for natural gas. However, results of test drilling proved unprofitable. Two choices then had to be considered: return the 10-acre site to its original condition or develop it into a public shooting range. The latter choice had three advantages -- although expensive, the new range would be less costly than efforts to restore the site, the location is ideal for this use, and the old range was plagued with administrative and safety problems and needed to be replaced.

The site was then developed into a shooting range complex by the oil and gas lessee, OXY USA, Inc. The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission also participated in the project and funded certain improvements after the original construction was completed.



The range is on a site once occupied by a unique drilling rig exploring for natural gas at a depth of 21,000 feet.



For the public's protection, this area is patrolled by the Yell County Sheriff's Department and the Forest Service.

For more information contact:

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